



MINUTES OF THE EASEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Hutson, *Committee Chair*
Paul Gallay, *via Teams*
Wayland 'Bud' Gladstone
Jennifer Grossman, *via Teams*
Fred Huneke
Michael Vander Werff, *NYC DEP, via Teams*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ryan Naatz, *Executive Director, via Teams*
Serena Orleski, *Easement Program Manager*
Bill Martin, *Easement Program Acquisition Coordinator*
Mike Morales, *Easement Program Stewardship Coordinator*
Julian Motola, *Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist*
Matt Schaefer, *Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist*
Troy Bookhout, *Easement Program Conservation Planner*
Kayla Atanasoff, *Easement Program Executive Assistant*
Lee Harris, *NYC DOI, via Teams*
Paul Kacmarczyk, *NYS DOH, via Teams*

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Sean Leddy, *Delaware County Planning, via Teams*
Nick Carbone, *Delaware County Watershed Affairs, via Teams*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 2, 2025 public meeting of the Easement Committee.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Bud Gladstone

Motion Carried

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

A. New Stewardship Specialist Introduction – *added to Discussion Items*

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT/PROGRAM MOTIONS

None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. New Stewardship Specialist Introduction

Julian Motola was recently hired to fill the vacant *Stewardship Specialist* position. He introduced himself to Committee members and gave some background on his past work experience. Mike added that Julian and Matt will be completing the bulk of the annual monitoring visits moving forward.

VI. STEWARDSHIP MOTIONS

None

VII. STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

A. Tait, Judith (PID 6218): Stream Work BMP – Staff Level Update

Matt presented this update. He explained that the stream work BMP project will improve an existing livestock walkway that has pooled with water from sediment buildup along a tributary of Liddle Brook. Stream work will include the removal of sediment, installation of new culverts and channel grading along the walkway and another access road that has experienced significant erosion from stormwater runoff. The BMP designs have been approved, and WAP staff are currently waiting for the necessary permits to be approved before the project is implemented.

B. McClure, Allen (PID 6016): Forest Harvest Plan – Staff Level Update

Matt presented this update. He explained that the landowner will be harvesting a red pine plantation on the property. There are several CREP crossings within the harvest area. The use of these crossings has been approved, and bridge mats will be utilized as necessary. Logging trails will be regraded and approximately 25 water bars will be installed upon completion of the harvest.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IX-XI)

Motion at 10:11 a.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss Violations/Legal Updates, Acquisition Project Motions/Updates, and Other Business.

Motion: Paul Gallay

Second: Fred Huneke

Motion Carried

Motion at 10:54 a.m. to come out of Executive Session.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Bud Gladstone

Motion Carried

IX. VIOLATIONS/LEGAL UPDATES

- A. PID 6068: Unauthorized Timber Harvest Violation
- B. PID 6315: Unauthorized Timber Harvest Violation

X. ACQUISITION PROJECT MOTIONS/UPDATES (*MOTIONS IN PUBLIC MEETING*)

ACE Project Motions
None

FCE Project Motions

- A. PID 6248: Land Plan Approval and Appraisal Authorization

Motion to approve the Land Plan for PID# 6248 based on the Land Planning Maps dated March 21, 2025, as presented, and authorize appraisal of an easement under the following scenario:

One (1) ADA consisting of ~13.67 acres, and one (1) FA consisting of ~195.77 acres, and zero (0) additional tax parcels.

<u>Existing</u>		<u>Land Plan</u>		<u>Total</u>
<i>Tax parcels: 1</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>Subdivision: 0</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>Tax parcels: 1</i>
		<i>ADA: 1</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>ADA: 1</i>

Motion: Michael Vander Werff
Second: Jennifer Grossman
Motion Carried

Updates
None

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. by common consent.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., via Teams**